New Plan Said to be Nearly Completed and Will Keep Road Independent.

MR. WILLIAMS'S STATEMENT

Former President Denies That Ryan-Blair Interests Have Control of Stock.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
NEW YORK, December 29.—It is stated on authority that Ladenburg. Thalmann and Company are not heading any movement to oppose the reorganization plan of the Scaboard Air Line, as has been reported. The firm is said to be working in harmony with the interests which control the road. The directors of the control the road. The directors of the Seaboard Air Line after their regular monthly meeting to-day discussed in an informal manner the reorganization scheme, which is said to be nearly completed. The plan is a comprehensive one, which will provide for the future development of the road. It is denied that J. P. Morgan and Company are trying to acquire control of the road, or that they are supporting a plan to form a community of interests with the Seaboard Air Line, Southern Railway and the Atlantic Const Line. lantic Const Line.

Mr. John Skelton Williams, former president and an influential factor in the organization of the present Seaboard Air Line system, stated yesterday that he knew from direct and indisputable information that the published Mr. John Skelton Williams, former president and an influential factor in the organization of the present Seaboard Air Line system, stated yesterday that he knew from direct and indisputable information that the published statement that the interests heretofore opposing the Ryan-Blair reorganization sign had abandoned opposition to til and were prepared to accept it has no foundation. He further stated that the holders of the majority of the stock of the Seaboard Air Line are thoroughly aroused and will protect their interests and those of the property, and that they would never accept such a plan of reorganization as that proposed by the Ryan-Blair interests. If any such agreement as rumored is reached Mr. Williams states that the plan will be much modified and one favorable to the stockholders and recognizing and protecting their interests.

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Movement to Burn Surplus Supplies Creates Much Talk.

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(By Associated Press.)

NEW ORLEANS, LA. Dec. 23.—Cotton continued to decline here to-day, though there was no violent siump on the exchange. There was a recession of approximately ten points from yesterday's closing prices, January selling at 6.27. Cotton men generally discussed a dispatch from Fort Gaines, Ga., saying that farmers and merchants of Clay county had decided to burn their share of cotton, and that some of the staple was actually being cremated in the streets of that town. The incident at Fort Gaines was interpreted as evidencing the high state of feeling among producers, but it is not believed that the movement will attain serious proportions. President Brittin, of the Cotton Exchange, gave out a statement to-day in which he said cotton was now offered for sale at a price below the cost of production.

DINE AT LABURNUM. Members of The Times-Dispatch

Staff Guests of Mr. Bryan.

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The members of The Times-Dispatch staff were guests of Mr. Joseph Bryan at dinner last evening at Laburnum. The occasion was a most agreeable one and somewhat remarkable in that so large a number of the makers of the paper were assembled at the home of its owner.

Mr. Bryan was assisted in entertaining by his sons, Messra John Stewart Jonathan, St. George and Dr. Robert Carter Bryan. Members of The Times-Dispatch staff present were Mossra. W. S. Copeland A. R. Holderby, Jr., S. B. Woodin, Frank B. Woodson, John D. Murrell, C. M. Graves, Joseph F. Gelsinger, A. H. Taylor, C. A. Boyce, Harry Tucker, Allen Potts, C. O'B. Cowardin and Horace F. Bmith Messra. G. Watson James and Evan R. Chesterman, of the News Leader editorial staff, were guests with their brethren of the fourt restate.

HERE FOR TREATMENT.

Gloucester Citizens Bitten by a

Cow at Pasteur Institute. Mr. Robert T. Corbell and Mr. Wolf, of Gloucester county, who on Sunday last were bitten by a mad cow, are undergoing treatment at the Pasteur Institute, consetted with the Virginia Hospital. These young men had gone to relieve cow, which was supposed to be choked. These young men had gone to relleve a cow, which was supposed to be choked. It was found that the cow was bitten by a mad dog, and while Mr. Corbell was in the act of relieving the beast from her suffering, she bit him. Then Mr. Wolf and in so doing caught some of the blood in a wound on his hand. Both of the young men are here for treatment, and will be here for eighteen days, the average longth of time for the treatment of ordinary cases.

Fire in St. James Church.

Connection between a lighted match and escaping gas from the meter in the basement of St. James Church, at Fifth and Marshall Streets, yesterday afternoon, caused a fire that damaged the building to the extent of less than \$100, which is covered by insurance.

In endeavoring to locate a leak in the gas pipe a plumber lit a match near the meter, which caused a small explosion and the fire. Fire in St. James Church.

Received Sad News.

Miss Lida Dexter, of the "Running for Office" company, received a telegram lust night announcing the death of her close friend, Mr. Philip Dinkins, in New York, The remains will pass through Richmond to-day on the way to Savannah, Ga.

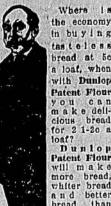
The Bell Bought Out.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

ROANGKE, VA., Dec. 29.—Mr. B.
Laughon, of Pulnski, general manager of
the Virginia and Teimessee Telephone
Company to-day announced that his company had purchased the Bell system of
this city and Salenn, and the rival compaples will become one after January 1st.

A Cure for Asthma

Plain Talks With Housekeepers



bread at 5c a loat, when with Dunlop Patent Flour you can make deli-cious bread for 2 1-20 a Patent Flour whiter bread and better bread than

any other

DUNLOP MILLS

TWO WOMEN DEAD FROM BROKEN NECKS

Have Been Identified, But Mystery of Strange Death Is Not Solved.

dear up the mystories attending the deaths of the women, both of whom died as the result of broken necks. The theory of murder is being investigated by the police.

police.

Coroner Scholer believes Miss Mangan was murdered. The police incline to the belief that Mrs. Butler's death followed an accident, but they admit that many of the circumstances of the case point to a possible murder.

FRATERNITY IN SESSION.

Alpha Tau Omega Society Holds Biennial Congress in New York.

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(Special to The Times Dispatch.)

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—Three hundred members of the Alpha Tau Omega Society attended to-night's performance of George Ade's Korean Opera, "The Shogun," at Wallack's Theatre, and gave their hearty applause to the many jokes aimed at the society and its members by Charlle Evans, the former partner of the famous Bill Hoey, who is the leading man in the latest preduct of the Indiana author. After the play the members returned to the Hotel Astor, where there was an informal luncheon.

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The present biennial congress of the order will terminate to-morrow night with order will terminate to-morrow night with a grand banquet at the Astor, at which many Southerners of prominence in this city are expected to be present; Delegates are present from almost every State in the Union, representing all the leading colleges in the country and many joyous meetings of old chums have been brought about by the Congress, which President Griffin says has been highly successful. A report of the work of the congress is to be given out after the final meeting to-morrow.

meeting to-morrow.

The fraternity was founded in Richmond soon after the war to help on the work of restoring good feeling between the North and South.

LINE OF WIRELESS TELEGRAPH STATIONS

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.—Rear Admiral Manney, chief of the Bureau of Equipment, has completed plans for the estabishment of a line of wireless telegraph stations extending from Cape Elizabeth, near Portland, Me., to Galveston, Tex., many of the stations having a range of 250 miles. The new stations will include one at Cape Henlopen, at the mouth of Delaware Bay; Diamond Shouls Lightship off Cape Hatteras, Beaufort, N. C.; Navy Yard, Charleston, S. C.; Pensacola, New Orleans and Galvestion. The Bureau of Equipment will advertise for bids for the constructions of these stations. Ishment of a line of wireless telegraph

Johnson-Johnson.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) (Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

HYLAS, VA., Dec. 29.—Berea Baptist
Church was again called on to witness an
interesting marriage at 8 o'clock yeaster
day evening. Mr. Aubrey Johnson Hedot
the altar Miss Kate Laughton Johnson.
The following were their attendance of the
Girls—17mma Nickols. Annie Bitterwhite. Fannie Aktison. Lena Johnson.
Leila Johnson. Norma Johnson Mary
Johnson, gentlemen—C. Avanda Johnson,
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Herbert Johnson, Sam Attison, Fution
Johnson.
The bride and her maids were white
dressees and carried large bunches of
ferms.

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The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. V. Johnson. The groom is the son of F. C. Johnson, a prosperous farmer. After the ceremony the bridal party and many friends were driven to the home of the groom's father, where a bountful rephast awaited them, which was much enjoyed. Measrs. Herbert and Fleming Johnson rendered some fine music on the plano and mandolin. There were solos and duets by other talented ones.
Miss Mattle Allis played the wedding murch and L. W. Smith performed the ceremony.

The Prince May Come.

The worst cases of Asthma in the world succumb readily to the one great cure that never falls. Dr. Rudolph Schiffmann's Asthma Cure almost performs miracles.

Mr. R. M. Spencer, 2350 Vermont Avenue, Toledo, O. says: "Asthma has been growing on me for three years, until last summer the ritacks became so severe that many nights I spent half the Umegasping for breath." Doctors seemed to give no relief whatever, and I felt there was no hope for me, when a drug oler; recommended your Asthma Cure, its effect is traity magical and gives complete relief in from 2 to 5 minutes."

Sold by all druggists at foc. and \$1.00. Seand 2c. stamp to Dr. R. Seafffmann Box 632 St. Paul, Minn., for a free sample package.

CRUSH ROWDYISM SAY EDUCATORS

Must Have Honest, Practical Plan of Making Honorable, Self-Supporting Citizens.

ANNUAL MEETING BEGINS

In Annual Address President Hill Discusses Morell Bill in Congress.

(By Associated Press.)

JACKSONVILLE, FLA., Dec. 29.—The
Southern Educational Association and the Florida State Teachers' Association met to-night in joint session at the Duval Opera House. Walter B. Hill, president of the Bouthern Educational Association and chancellor of the University of Georgia, called the joint convention to order, and after prayer by Rev. W. A. Hobson, announced that Captain G orge M. Lynch, president of Florida State Teachers' Association and assistant commandant of the East Florida Military Institute, would preside.

Address of Welcome.

William N. Sheats, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, delivered the address of welcome in behalf of the State. Mr. Sheats spoke of the remark able advancement of Florida in educational lines since 1880. He quoted statistics, which showed that in that your the total enrollment of the public schools approximated 39,000, with an verage attendance of 27,000, and an annual expenditure of \$114,000, while at present the attendance is 123,000 out of a total of 156,000 children of school age, and the average attendance is 84,000 and the amount appropriated for the current year is \$1.078,000.

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O.B. Martin, Superintendent of Public Instruction of South Carolina, delivered a humorous result to the addresses of welcome, after which R. B. Fulton, chancellor of the University of Mississippl, road the report of the Committee on Alms and Objects of the association, of which he is chairman.

The proceedings of the first night's session of the association closed with the addresses of their presidents.

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President Hill Speaks.

President Hill devoted his attention to a discussion of the Morell educational bill and compared it to the Blair bill ad-vocating Federal aid for education espe-cially as applied to higher institutions.

cially as applied to higher institutions. He said in part:
"Not only has Federal aid to education been, therefore, recognized as a national policy for nearly a half century, but has proceeded upon well defined and satisfactory principles, which may be summed up as follows:

1. National aid is conditional on response or contribution by the States such as furnishing and repairing buildings.

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2. State control in management is recognized, the distribution being through local machinery.

3. Visitorial power is retained in the Pederal government in requirement for reports and the reservation of the right to examine disbursements.

4. Separation of the races is accepted but equal provisions made for both.

5. The nature of the education provided is democratic, the emphasis being placed on agricultural and industrial education.

6. Quality of needs recognized as the 6. Quality of needs recognized as the basis for distribution. From this prin-ciple it is a just corollary that in those sections where industrial and agricul-tural education are most needed the dis-tribution should be in like proportion.

Rowdyism at College.

The most interesting and striking feature in the address of Captain Lynch was his severe arraigment of rowdyism in colleges and universities. Captain Lynch said, in part:

"It is the sheerest folly to appeal to "It is the sheerest rowers in the name."

business men and tax-payers in the name sentiment and affection until we can show them that we have an honest, straightforward, practical plan of making honorable, self-supporting citizens. They

honorable, self-supporting citizens. They have not the time nor the desire to enter into scientific researches and discoveries of the different parts of a boys' mental machinery. The plain, blum! interesting question to them is;
"Do you know how to manage that mysterious mechanism so as to make it turn out a solid, substantial product?

"Answer this question by your school work. Let your pupils reflect in their nature and daily life subordination to law and authority; habits of industry, perseverence and persistent determination; the love of whatever beautifies and expands the character; regard for the rights of others; in a word, make them manly men and womanly women, and nothing on earth can deleat your claims for recognition."

Prayer With a Reference.

"Many years ago o distinguished officer of the army, who also held the position of chaplain, offered prayer before the regiment," says Representative Cooper, of Texas, "He summed up the causes and objects of the war—the war with Mexico-and asserted that it was no war of conquest, but annexation only, concluding his supplication to the Throne of Graco with: 'I refer you, good Lord, to Polk's message on this subject. "—Nashville Banner.

"Tipping" Dying Out Abroad. "Tipping Dying Out Abroad.
While the tipping system is steadily growing in the United States, on the other hand open rebellion has been declared against it in some parts of Europe—the land of its origin. No less than 2,000 hotel and restaurant wattors in Pauls have rulsed a fight against the system and are demanding better pay from their employers instead of gratuities from the public. In London tips have been abolished in two leading hotels by the action of the landlords in warning tielr eightomers from giving and forbidding their employes from receiving them.—Kansas City Journal.

How Doctors Die.

An Austrian statistician finds that the average lease of life of a medical practitioner is sixty years. Deaths due to the router consumption only amount among them to 7 per cent., thus showing how careful they are in taking precautions against infection. On the other hand, dilly 40 per cent. of doctors die of healt disease and nervous collapse.

A Day of Salutation.

An English warship recently arrived at Buerto Arolltas and salured the flag of Costa Rice with / twenty-one guns. It took the gunners of Costa Rice two hours to answer the salure. They had only one old muzzle-loader, which had to be allowed to cool after each round. But the salure was got through in the course of the day.

Inconsistency.

Our people abuse the boll weevils and want them exterminated, and at the same time agree that we should produce less cotton. Isn't that inconsistent?—Montgomery Advertiser.

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The Season's Garments to Be Swept Away.

BEAUTIFUL Suits, Coats and Furs at Prices that invite the buying of everyone. This great sale of GARMENTS will begin SATURDAY on our second floor, and will include Coats, Furs, Suits and Skirts of every stylish variety, With energy and dec sion we are going to cut down stock and increase sales. In consequence we place these offers before you right at the height of the demand.

BIG COAT REDUCTIONS.

42-inch Tourist Coats, Scotch mixtures, plaid backs; \$15.00 coats reduced to\$10.00

42-inch Tourist Coats, tan, castor, brown and green, light weight Kerseys, satin lined throughout; \$25.00 coats reduced to\$15.00

27-inch Tan Covert and Black Kersey Coats, fitted and tourist backs, satin lined \$7.50 coats reduced

WAISTS REDUCED.

Handsome White Lace Waists, silk lined, beautifully trimmed; \$7.50 waists reduced to\$5.00

Brown Peau de Soie Waists, entire waist tucked, in clusters, with hemstitched medallions between tucks, tucked sleeve; \$5.98 waists reduced to.....\$3.98

Plaid Silk Waists, newest designs, tucked and trimmed in brass buttons; \$5.00 waists reduced to \$3.48

White Taffeta and China Silk Waists, slightly handled at less than cost to close out.

CHILDREN'S COATS AT COST.

Children's Coats, in plain Kerseys, etamine, cheviot

eline, tr	imm	ed with	vel	vet	a	ad	bre	ud.	
\$10.00	Coats	reduced	to					87.50	
\$ 8.50	Coats	reduced	to		• • •			80.00	
\$ 7.50	Coats	reduced	to					85.00	
\$ 5.00	Coats	reduced	to					88.48	
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SKIRTS AT ABOUT ONE-THIRD.

Fifty Skirts, in light gray, tan and Oxford mixtures; \$5.00 and \$6.48 skirts, choice......\$3.48
Black and Navy Cheviot Skirts, kilted in most be-

Pan Cheviot Skirts, seventeen gored, kilted, plaited, stitched below hips, a most desirable model; \$8.50 skirts now\$6.48

SUIT PRICES HALF.

About seventy-five Suits, consisting of Eton and blouse effects, in cheviots, cloths, Panamas and fancy mixtures at half-price. \$25.00 and \$35.00 Suits now.....\$12.50 and \$15.00

NO CONFESSION FROM DODGE, SAYS JEROME

District Attorney Says Prisoner Has Not Yet Made Statement.

(By Associated Press.)

NEW YORK, December 29.—In spite of persistent reports which have been circulated for several days to the effect that Charles F. Dodge, the former husband of Mrs. Clemence Dodge Morse, wife of Charles W. Morse, the banker and former president of the American Ico Company had made a sensational confession in connection with the Dodge-Morse divorce case, implicating many persons, including several members of New York Bar Association, District Attorney Jerome said to-day that Dodge has made no such statement. Since Dodge's arrival here from Texas, he has been held practically a prisoner in the

Dodge's arrival here from Texas, he has been held practically a prisoner in the Broadway Central Hotel, although he had been discharged upon his own recognizance upon his appearance in court upon eluggestion of the district attorney.

It was believed that the stories of a confession by Dodge were practically confirmed by District Attorney Jerome when he moved for the discharge of the prisoner. Dodge had been arrested on a warrant charging perjury in connection with the Dodge-Morse divorce case. In his announcement to-day, District Attorney, Jerome said;

"As yet Dodge has made no confession, and we will not take any statement from him until his physical condition warrants him in making one. He is not a State witness yet, and until he gives

from him until his physical condition warrants him in making one. He is not a State witness yet, and until he gives some valuable information he will not be the man is a physical some valuable information he will not be taken as such. The man is a physical wrock now, and is being cared for. If he shall prove of no value as a people's wit-ness, then he will be returned to the Tomb's to stand trial on the perjury

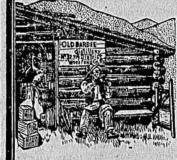
IS AGAIN POTENTATE.

Mr. Charles H. Phillips Re-elected to High Office in Shrine.

Acca Temple Nobles of the Mystleshrine held their annual meeting lassing the Masonic Temple, when Mr Charles H. Phillips was re-elected po

Charles H. Phillips was re-elected po-tentate.

After the reports of the officers had been read the election followed, and the following gentlemen were elected: Messre. Charles H. Phillips, potentate; George J. Hooper, chief rabban; James M. Clift, assistant rubban; Thomas W. McCar, oriental guide; John R. Charlton, high priest; Charles A. Nesbitt, recorder; John F. Moyer, treasurer, and George L. Street. Preston Belvin, E. E. Dowman, of Alex-



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Primitive process of mashing grain in small tubs by hand and doubled in copper over wood fire, gives the wonderful natural flavor to

Old Barbee Whiskey

Bottled in Bond Quality and quantity guaranteed by U.S. Government.

Look for this picture of log cabin and the words "Old Barbee" on bottle label and you may be sure you're get-ting "Old Barbee" Whiskey. Jno. T. Barbee & Co., Louisville, Ky. Colonel T. A. Overby, of Lunenburg county, was registered at Murphy's Hotel last night. He was the representative from that county in the State Legislature several years ago. "Cyclone" Jim Marshall Leaves.

Given a Surprise Party

Colonel Overby Here.

"Cyclone" Jim Marshall and Colonel J. C. McDonald, both of Craig county, left last night for their home. Both gentle-men have many friends here. OBITUARY.

Mrs. Robert Anderson.

Mis. Robert Anderson died at the residence of her husband, No. 517 North Fifth Street, on Tuesday morning last. She was a daughter of the late Judge Batte of Petersburg. Her husband, Mr. Robert Anderson, is the oldest living trustee of Hampden-Sidney College.

Her remains were taken to Petersburg on Wednesday, where they were interred in the family burying plot.

John W. Austin

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(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

LYNCHBURG, VA., Dec. 22.—Mr. John W. Austin, aged ninety-three, who was probably one of the oldest white residents of, this section of the State, died last evening at his home in the city after an illness of two weeks. The deceased, who was never married, served through the entire civil war in the army of the Confederacy, and was wounded twice during the struggle. For many years he was a prosperous farmer of Appomattox county, but for the past ten years he had been residing with relatives in Lynchburg. It is said that his last illness, which was caused wholly by his great age, was the only serious lilness he experienced in his long life.

Dr. C. W. Beale.

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(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

CHARLOTTESVILLE, VA. Dec. 29.—
Dr. C. W. Beale, a first consin of John
Esten Cooke, the author and himself a
physician of note in Membis in his
younger days, died per to-day, aged
eighty. His father, Dr. Charles Beale,
was a famous physician of the old Virginia school, while his family connections
were the Gordons of Louisa and Albemarie.

Pour children survive—Mrs. F. Bradley
Peyton and James G. Bonie, of Charlottesviller Mrs. Beale, of Louisa. The remains
will be taken to Gordonsville to-morrow
for interment.

S. E. Earley.

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(Special to The Timer-Dispatch.)
ORANGE, VA., Dec. 29.—Mr. S. E.
Carley, a clerk in the store of Mr. R. H.
Rawlings, in this place, died here last
night of pneumonia. He was about thirtysix years of age and unmarried. His remains were taken to his home in Madison
counts, today. county to-day.

S. G. Burford.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
LYN-LHBUFG, VA., Dec. 29.—Mr. Samuel G. Burford, aged forty-eight, a well known resident of Lynchburg, was found dead in his room at his dome in the city yesterday afternoon. Heart disease is said to have been the cause of his demise, R. G. Sims.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) FREDPRICKSBURG, VA., December 29.—Mr. R G. Sims, of Spotsylvania, died a few days ago at the home of his brother-in-law, Mr. W. H. Harris, after a lingering illness. He was forty-eight years old and unmarried. Mrs. Mary C. Moseley.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA, Dec. 29.—
Mrs. Mary Cullen Moseley died suddenly to-night at the residence of her mother, Mrs. J. M. Cullen, at the University of Vignalia. Mrs. Mary Coulter Boone.

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(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

ST. LOUIS, MO. Dec. 20.—The funeral of Mrs. Mary Coulter Boone (nee) Wardlaw, who was born at Rockbridge, Validio, and who died Tuesday, was held today from the family residence, on Jefferson Barracks Road, Webster Groves, Mo. Rev. D. M. Skilling, of Webster Groves, Mrs. Boone was the widew of Join Boone, grandson of Daniel Boone, the famous pioneer. She was the oldest daughter of Judge Hugh H. Warddaw, of Virginia, and the only surviving child of that famility. At the age of ten, she and her father moved to Missouri, sottling in St. Charles county, where she met John Boone, and married him.

In 1849, she started with her family to the gold fields of California, taking, six months to make the trip. She returned to Missouri after sight years on the coast, swilling around Cape Horn and passing through New York, arriving here about the coase of the Civil War.

She is survived by one son, Lawrence Boone, chier operator, of the Western Union Telegraph Company, in St. Louis.

andria, and Thomas J. Nottingham of Norfolk, imperial representative to the imperial council, which meets at Ningara Falls next June. After Mr. Phillips had accepted the potentate for the second term he was presented with a handsome potentate fowel, in recognition of his services to the shrine. The assembling then repaired to the banquet hall where the annual Christmas Chanquet was served. Covers were laid for two hundred and fifty. The affair, as usual, was most enjoyable. Mrs. Gill's Boys Have Christmas Enterta AT THE ASYLU

Mrs. Gill's Boys Have a Fine Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Fisher, of No. 908 North Second Street, were given a sur-prise party Wednesday night by their sons, Messrs. Joseph and Kass Fisher. The affair was a delightful one, and was enjoyed by a large number of friends of Mr. and Mrs. Fisher.

Mrs. Gill's Boys Have a Fine Christmas Entertainment.

The Christmas entertainment at the Male Orphan Asylum yesterday evening was a complete success, and was greatly enjeyed by all those present.

Particular mention must be made of the singing of little Boland Luffsey in his role of the Christmas Dolly. The selos and duets and choruses were all bright and sparkling, and elloited much aplause from the audience.

Addresses were made by Rev. Dr. Byans, of the Monumental Church, and Rev. Mr. Dickenson, of the Church, and Rev. Mr. Dickenson, of the Church of the Holy Comforter. The dinner was, of course, a great attraction for the boys, who showed their great appreciation of it by indulging most freely of the tempting menu, which had been propared for them by the board.

Among those present were Mr. John L. Williams, president; Mr. Hokok, Mr. E. J. Bosher, Mr. Thomas J. Ladd, Mr. Henry L. Hulzter, Mr. D. O. Davies and General Charles J. Anderson and Mrs. James P. Schultz, Mrs. C. O. Davies and General Charles J. Anderson and Mrs. James P. Schultz, Mrs. Helen Hylwyn, Miss D. C. Cuningham, Mr. and Mrs. James P. Schultz, Mrs. Helen Hylwyn, Miss D. Schultz, Mrs. L. C. McPhail, Mrs. Fannic Deane, Mr. Guis Schultz, Mrs. Helen Hylwyn, Miss D. Schultz, Mrs. L. C. McPhail, Mrs. Fannic Deane, Mr. Guis Schultz, Mrs. Helen Hylwyn, Miss D. Schultz, Mrs. Vilte Loulas; Mrs. Joseph Anthony, Mr. and Mrs. J

VIRGINIA BRIEFS.

BRISTOL, VA., December 29.—The business of the Harker Hardware Company, in Bristol, was sold to-day to Major W. J. Brown, Abingdon, Va.; D. B. Mullins, Pulaski, Va., and associates. The deal involves more than \$100,000. The firm has a wholesale trade extending through Southwestern Virginia.

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DANVILLE, VA.—It has been announced that William Leigh, of Houston, formerly a law partner of the inte Judge Relly, of the Supreme bench, will remove to Danville and take the place of the late senior partner in the law firm of Berkeley and Harrison. The style of the new firm will be Harrison and Leigh, Mr. 'Leigh is now temporarily in the city. He will remove here with his family at an oarly day.

LYNCHBURG, VA.—Two engineering

in LYNCHBURG, VA.—Two engineering corps with complete camping equipment passed through Lynchburg this afternoon, one being bound for Roanoke and the other for Gladys, Campbell county, S. E. r. R. H. cre last thirty—the companied by a number of engineers and assistants, who appeared to be in great Madison

MORFOLK, VA.—The Norwegian steamer Alics reported to the hydrographic of fice that on her trip up the coast from the West Indies the electric beam that is found the city sease. Is demise, STAUNTON, VA.—The Board of Trade to-night passed a resolution asking the

was seen is twenty-one miles,
STAUNTON, VA.—The Board of Trade
to hight passed a resolution asking the
Chesapeake and Ohio, if it can arrange to
do so, to let the freight depot remain in
this after
ROANOKE, VA.—The evidence before
the jail commissioners was concluded this
afternoon, Mayor Cutchin, Judge E. A.
King and others gave strong testimony
favorable to Sergeant Tillett. The evidence as a whole showed that while Sergeant Tillett had done his full duty, the
jail will either have to be rebuilt or a
new one erected.
TAZBWELL, VA.—The ten-year-old son
of John L. Baber, a leading merchant of
Pocahonias, was accidentally and very
seriously cut over the eye with an axe
yesterday by a neighbor's liftle boy, while
variable they were splitting kindling wood, and
is in a very serious condition.
WINCHESTER, VA.—During a Sunday
seriously cut over the eye with an axe
yesterday by a neighbor's liftle boy, while
will the provession in the control of Winchester, last night, a miscreant
opened the door and yelled "Vire" from
which a panie resulted and men, women
and children ran pell-mell from the place,
reating great confusion and excitement.
None was injured in the stampede, but
several children were knocked down, and
women became hysterical. The authorities are investigating the affair, as there
was no occasion for such a demonstration.

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Six Prisoners Escape From Jail

The Prescription Druggist, Inc. 214 East Broad Street, Hancock and Clay Streets

in Delaware.

(By Associated Press.)

GEORGIFTOWN, DEL., Dec. 29.—Six prisoners escaped from the county bull here this evening, and during the meles

Deputy Sheriff Charles T. Purnell was seriously injured. Purnell had gone to give the prisoners chief suppor and lock them up for the night. Suddenly one of them felled him with a club, rendering him unconscious. The prisoners then dashed out of the jall, and all succeeded in making good their escape. A possee of officers is searching for the men.

POTOMAC RAILROAD CO., WASHINGTON SOUTHERN RAILWAY COMPANY.
NOTICE.
Effective January 1st, 1905, round trip
tickets will be sold as follows:
Between Richmond and Washington,
limit two days, in addition to date of
sale; no stop-over, \$5.00,
Between Richmond and Washington,
limit dive days, in addition to date of
sale; stop-overs at Fredericksburg and
Alexandria within limit, \$5.00.
Between Richmond and Ashiand, limited
two days, in addition to date of sale, 75c.
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two days, in addition to date of sale, 75c.
Between Richmond and Fredericksburg,
inited two days, in addition to date of
sale, \$2.75.
Between other stations on the Richmond,
Fredericksburg and Potomac Railroad said
Washington Southern Railway, round
trip tickets will be sold at 5 cents per
mile one way distance, limited two days,
in addition to date of sale; no stop-overs.
The one way rates between Byrd Street
Station and all stations on above roads
at 3 cents per mile will be applied to and
from Elba,
Commutation ticket books now good to
and from Elba will be 10cepted for passage to and from Byrd Street Station.
Effective January 10th, 1905, fifty trip
framily tickets will be sold between Richmond and Ashland at 31.000, limited one
year from date of sale.

W. P. TAYLOR,
Traffic Manager.

SPECIAL EXCURSION TO HAVANA, CUBA, VIA ATLANTIC COAST LINE.

CUBA VIA ATLANTIC
COAST LINE.

A personally conducted excursion to Havana, Cuba, will leave Washington. Richmond and Norfolk, January 4, 1905, connecting with the F. & O. S. S. Co.'s steamer "Olivette," leaving Port Tampa. Fla., night of January 5th. Party will be limited to 150 persons; therefore, make reservations promptly, to secure proper accommodations on steamer. Mr. A. W. Fritot, who speaks Spanish fluently, will meet the party at Jacksonville and accompany them to Havana.

Tickets limited to return from Havana on any steamer until January 19th, with privilege to stop over at any point in the State of Florida, south of Jacksonville, within the final limit, January 22d.

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